

Docket No.: 1614.1122

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Ichiro FUJITA

Serial No. 09/774,699

Group Art Unit: 3626

Confirmation No. 3086

Filed: February 1, 2001

Examiner: PORTER, Rachel L.

For:

SYSTEM, METHOD AND STORAGE MEDIUM FOR MEDIATING BETWEEN USERS

AND MANUFACTURERS VIA A NETWORK

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted for filing with an RCE being filed concurrently herewith. This Preliminary Amendment, further, is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed March 13, 2006 for which an Amendment was filed on June 12, 2006 (previous Amendment), and Advisory Action mailed June 27, 2006. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to July 13, 2006.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.